

MUSTO PERFORMANCE SKIFF 2011 UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

13 - 19 AUGUST 2011

Organizing Authority: Mount's Bay Sailing Club
in conjunction with the Musto Performance Skiff Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

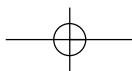
- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located near the MBSC Race Office in the MBSC Dinghy Pen

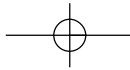
3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled starting time of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the MBSC Race Office in the MBSC Dinghy Pen.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with a sound means "Tallies are released". Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.
- 4.4 Flag B hoisted with one sound signal means "Protest time has begun". When lowered half way it means, "There are less than 30 minutes of protest time remaining". When lowered it means "Protest time has ended".





5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Registration will be at the MBSC CLUBHOUSE as follows:

Saturday 13th August 1400 – 1800 hours

Sunday 14th August 1000 – 1600 hours

5.2 Not applicable

5.3 Racing Schedule:

DATE	TIME	High Tide	Height	EVENT
Monday 15.8	1155	1822	5.2m	Race 1 Warning Signal Race 2 and 3 to follow
Tuesday 16.8	1155	1854	5.2m	Race 4 Warning Signal Race 5 and 6 to follow
Wednesday 17.8	No racing scheduled			
Thursday 18.8	1155	1956	5.1m	Race 7 Warning Signal Race 8 and 9 to follow
Friday 19.8	1155	2027	5.0m	Race 10 Warning Signal Race 11 to follow
<i>Prizegiving in the Clubhouse.</i>				

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1155 hours.

5.5 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided the series becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule, and the change is made according to SI 3.

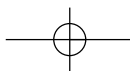
5.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

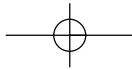
5.7 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

5.8 In the event of a race being postponed or abandoned the next race that takes place in the series will be the postponed or abandoned race with the remaining scheduled races following in sequential order.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a white flag with the Musto Performance Skiff logo.





7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will generally be to the South of St. Michael's Mount.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A on page 35 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9 MARKS

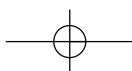
- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be large black inflatable spherical buoys
- 9.2. Mark 1a will be a yellow inflatable dumpy buoy.
- 9.3 The start mark will be a 5ft orange cylindrical buoy or a boat displaying an orange flag.
- 9.4 The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable dumpy buoy.
- 9.5 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

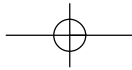
10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line is between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the start mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.





12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff or mast displaying a blue flag on the Finishing Boat and the finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit and target time in minutes are as follows:

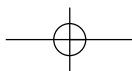
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60 minutes	45 minutes

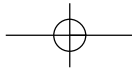
Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. Alternatively, and at the discretion of the Race Officer, these boats may be awarded the places they were holding at the time. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the hoisting of Code Flag B – SI 4.3. This will be hoisted at the time the last boat finishes the last race of the day. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room located at St. Thomas's Hall, Market Place, Marazion or an alternative venue.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 14.2, 18, 19, 21, 28 and of compliance





with the Class Measurement Rules will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and class rule breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

- 15.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

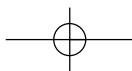
- 15.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

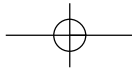
16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When from 8 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 16.4 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 15.5 will be DPI.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 **Personal Buoyancy.** Adequate personal buoyancy (with a minimum buoyancy of at least 50 Newtons and being either a lifejacket or waistcoat type buoyancy aid) shall be worn at all times while afloat. A life-jacket, if worn, shall be inflated. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.
- 17.2 **Boat Identification Number.** All boats will have a Boat Identification Number. Each boat will be issued with two sets of its





Boat Identification Number stickers at registration. The numbers must be placed as close to and on either side of the bow. Boats may, at the discretion of the Race Committee, be disqualified from any race during which its Boat Identification Number is not correctly displayed if the Race Committee feels that not enough care was exercised in fixing numbers or prompt action was not taken to replace numbers. This alters rule 63. The same Boat Identification Number will be used by the boat's crew as his / her Personal Identification Tally Number and for identifying each boat's berth and launching trolley.

17.3 Tally (Compulsory Safety) System

17.3.1 A tally system will be in operation. Crews will have been issued with a Personal Identification Tally Number (PITN) which will be the same as their Boat Identification Number and for identifying each boat's berth and launching trolley.

17.3.2 The PITN will be written on a tally wrist band. Each crew shall "tally out" by removing the wristband with his / her tally number from the hook on the Tally Board each day before racing. The wristband shall be worn by the crew visibly on his / her wrist at all times whilst afloat.

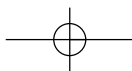
17.3.3 The Tally Board will be located in the MBSC Dinghy Pen at the exit to the slipway to the beach.

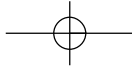
17.3.4 Boats may tally out before they are released from the shore.

17.3.5 Tallies must be returned to the correct hook on the Tally Board immediately on coming ashore and not later than 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

17.3.6 The crew of a boat that does not intend to finish shall make every effort to notify the Committee Boat, a Safety Boat or a Mark Boat of his / her intentions.

17.3.7 The crew of any boat retiring from a race and coming ashore should report to the Beach Master as soon as possible. It is the sole responsibility of the crew to ensure that he / she has tallied correctly. Failure to comply with this SI (17.3 Tally Compulsory Safety System) will result in disqualification without a hearing and / or a fine of £25, payable to the benefit of the Penlee Branch of the RNLI, at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. Failure to pay this fine prior to the first race on the following day, or by the start of the Prizegiving on the





final day, will result in disqualification from the event without a protest. This alters rule 63.1.

- 17.4 Race Area (Safe Passage). When leaving or returning to the beach, safe passage can be made between the West of St. Michael's Mount and to the East of Hogus Rocks, the highest points of which are visible at all states of the tide. Crews should be aware of the Little Hogus Rocks to the West of Hogus Rocks, which are not visible at all states of the tide, and of the causeway which is not visible at all states of the tide between St. Michael's Mount and the shore to the East of the MBSC clubhouse.
- 17.5 Tow Rope. Every boat shall carry a rope suitable for towing that is not less than 10 metres in length and 6mm in diameter.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

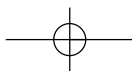
A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

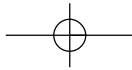
20 OFFICIAL BOATS

The Committee Boat will display the burgee of the Mount's Bay Sailing Club.

21 COACH BOATS, SUPPORT BOATS, PRESS BOATS & SPECTATOR BOATS

- 21.1 SI 21 only applies if activated by a notice on the Official Notice Board.
- 21.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.3 The non-compliance with these instructions may lead to disqualification or other penalties for the boats associated with the offending personnel.





22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:-

Prizes will be given to the first 10 places overall. Additional prizes will be awarded to the first boat overall in the Master, Grandmaster and Youth categories. Other prizes may be given at the discretion of the Race Committee.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

26 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Dinghy Park.

27 CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

27.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

27.2 Under rule 87, rule C5.1 of the 2010v.4.2 of the class rules is changed as follows: A GPS system is permitted.

28 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

